GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to short supply of coal in the country, Karnataka is importing coal from China for its Raichur Thermal Power Station (RTPS);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER(SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) to (c) : Ministry of Coal indicated in August, 2004 that there would be a shortage of 10 million tones of indigenous coal per annum and suggested that option of import of coal be considered. 9 power utilities have been identified for importing coal including Raichur Thermal Power Station of Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL), which is required to import 9.6 lakh tones of coal per annum. KPCL have informed that they have floated tenders in February, 2005 to import coal for Raichur thermal power station. Supplier has not yet been identified by KPCL.